

REMARKS

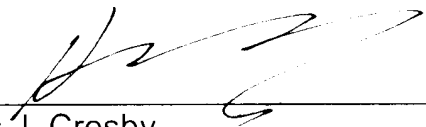
Claims 1-10 and 13-17 are pending. Claims 1-10 and 15 have been allowed. Claims 13, 14, 16 and 17 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 13, 14, 16 and 17 are cancelled as being directed to non-elected subject matter. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file a divisional application(s) directed to any non-elected subject matter of the application. No new matter is added. With regard to the alleged necessity of amending the specification, see page 2 of the Office Action, Applicants wish to point out the response filed January 10, 2003 included a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to non-provisional Application No. 08/470,440, filed June 6, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,771,784.

In view of the amendments and remarks above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application remains in condition for allowance and request favorable action thereon.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 108172-09005.

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